FISCAL NOTE

SB 2866 - HB 3338

March 24, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the following:

- The UT Board of Trustees and the Tennessee Board of Regents shall require annual internal financial audits of the offices of the university president, chancellor, and the chief executive officers of the institutions comprising the systems. Such audits shall be reviewed by the respective boards and the Comptroller of the Treasury.
- Any administrative purchase over \$5,000 shall be posted on the website of the respective system, specifying the purpose, the amount of the expenditure and to whom the payment shall be made. If an expenditure must be made because of an emergency or other immediate need, then notice of such expenditure shall be posted within seven working days after the expenditure and include an explanation of the reason the expenditure was made before the posting of notice.
- A flight log shall be maintained for each state-owned airplane used by the
 officers or employees of the UT and TBR systems. If a person who is not an
 officer or employee of either system is a passenger on any portion of a flight,
 the log shall clearly identify the person, the portion of the flight on which the
 person is a passenger, and show the reason such person is a passenger.
- The UT and TBR systems shall not purchase alcoholic beverages, beer, or wine with funds appropriated by the general assembly, including funds generated from tuition or fees.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumes the financial audits of the systems' respective central offices and the offices of the chief executive officers of each institution will be handled with existing internal auditors of each system. Although the bill would require additional administrative duties, it is assumed that any cost associated with these additional duties will not be significant and can be handled within existing budgeted resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director